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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following Amendments of the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

- | <u>No.</u> | <u>Description</u>   |
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| 3          | <b>State and Local Elements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adds or modifies various projects with various funding sources in Tulare County. The amendment includes projects with funding from Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program, Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) and National Highway System (NHS) program.</li></ul>  |
| 4          | <b>Local Element</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adds or modifies various projects with various funding sources in Tulare County. The amendment includes projects with funding from Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Sections 5307, 5309 and 5311 Programs.</li></ul><br><b>Transit Element</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Changes the description of the City of Tulare- Two 30-passenger transit LNG (Change CNG to LNG) buses. The project includes CMAQ funding.</li><li>• Modifies the funding of Tulare Transit Express- One 30-passenger LNG bus replacement project. The project includes funding from FTA Section 5311 program.</li></ul> |

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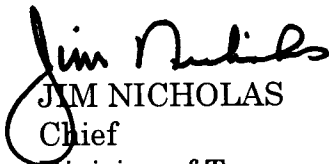
I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve these FTIP Amendments for inclusion into California's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of these FTIP Amendments and are shown for information only.

The projects in the updated programming have been found by the TCAG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. Therefore, these FTIP Amendments are consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of these amendments are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by TCAG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). Caltrans concerns, if any, are reflected in the "Caltrans comment" section of the FTIP Project Data Entry screen in CTIPS project by project.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The TCAG prepared these FTIP Amendments under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Muhaned Aljabiry of my staff, at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,



JIM NICHOLAS

Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

c: Karina O' Connor - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)  
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